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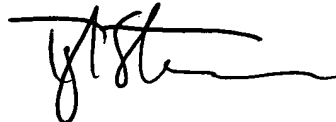
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached forms PTO-1449. Copies of the International Search Report and the references cited therein were supplied when this application entered the U.S. national phase. The International Search Report indicates that U.S. Patents 6,080,209, 3,759,731 and 3,759,733 are substantively cumulative English language counterparts of WO 97/35927, DE 2012152 and DE 2135468 respectively. Enclosed herewith are English language abstracts for DE 19547800 and EP 648816 and a copy of the European Search Report. The references cited in the European Search Report are identical to those cited in the International Search Report.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

Respectfully submitted,

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